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~~42~~. (New) The masonry block of Claim <sup>13</sup>~~30~~ in which at least a portion of the lower surface is planar and parallel to said upper surface.

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~~43~~. (New) The masonry block of Claim <sup>13</sup>~~42~~ in which the entire lower surface of the block body is planar.

#### REMARKS

Original claim 1 is canceled by this preliminary amendment. Original claims 2-29 were canceled upon filing this continuing application. New claims 30-43 are added and are pending. Support for new claims 30-43 may be found in the claims as filed, as well as throughout the specification and Figures.

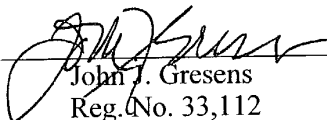
Favorable consideration is requested.

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